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May 24, 2011

WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The merger of AT&T and T-Mobile is an exciting opportunity for programs like the Noah Project, whose mission is to help victims of family violence. We believe this merger will bring extended coverage to more areas of Texas, including rural and urban communities, thus helping these victims in ways many of us would never consider.

Many victims of violence often flee their homes with nothing but the clothes on their back and a phone in their hand. If they had access to faster and more reliable technology and mobile broadband, it would enhance their ability to quickly seek help as well as find resources for relocation.

Our center serves ten counties in West Central Texas. We offer shelter and comprehensive support services to all victims of family violence. With greater access to broadband technologies, victims will be able to connect online with professionals who offer emotional support and resources to keep themselves safer.

I worry that without increased wireless support to rural and underserved areas, victims of violence will continue to be hampered in their efforts to secure help and find safety. I hope all of you will support this merger, as it could better protect many lives across Texas for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leigh Ann Fry".

Leigh Ann Fry, Executive Director
Noah Project

CC:
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